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HONGKONG AND THE EXHIBITION.

LOYAL GREETINGS TO THE PRINCE.
GLAMOUR OF OUR SHOPPING CENTRE.

The following cable has been sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the Chairman of the Hongkong Joint Chambers of Commerce Committee which organized the Colony's section in the Exhibition.

HONGKONG COMMITTEE SEND LOYAL GREETINGS TO PRESIDENT AND BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESS OF EXHIBITION.

Another telegram has been sent to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation's office as follows:—

PLEASE CONVEY LONDON COMMITTEE CORDIAL WISHES SUCCESS EXHIBITION HONGKONG COMMITTEE.

EIGHTY THOUSAND SPECTATORS.

LONDON, April 23.

The Exhibition was thronged all day long. The 80,000 people who attended the opening in the Stadium overflowed into the Dominions and Colonial pavilions which were often impassable, especially the smaller buildings of the African Colonies, the Dependencies, Palestine and Hongkong.

The novelties of the Hongkong shopping centre cast a spell over many visitors, while the native workers on the walled cities of West Africa overwhelmed the attentions of the crowd.

The picturesque and roomy Malaya pavilion was thronged; the main interest centering round the arts and crafts display with indigenous talent working at primitive industries.—*Reuter.*

MARVELLOUS BROADCASTING.

LONDON, April 23.

The clearness of the broadcast transmission of the Stadium ceremony was such that a gramophone record was taken of the King's speech through the medium of a loud speaker and this was broadcast late to-night with His Majesty's permission for the benefit of those unable to hear the speech in the morning. His Majesty's words were heard, very distinctly.

The speech was also broadcast in Esperanto for the benefit of Continental listeners.

PRESIDENT OF THE
EXHIBITION.



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OUR \$400,000,000 SHOP
WINDOW.

The British Empire Exhibition surpasses all other exhibitions in size, scope and grandeur; its chief purpose is to provide a colossal shop window for the display of the products of Great Britain and the Dominions. The site of the show at Wembley, a short distance

from London, is 400 acres in extent, and the city built for the exposition is of concrete. The project was conceived by that great Canadian, Lord Strathcona, in 1913, but the war caused it to be shelved. After the conclusion of hostilities the idea was again taken up, but with added enthusiasm because of the striking evidence revealed during the war of "the immense strides the Dominions had made in resources, finance, population and the sense of nationality."

The fact that practically every part of the Empire is represented at Wembley testifies to the growing realization among all branches of the race of the need for closer co-operation and cohesion, wrote Sir James Stevenson, the Chief Organizer of the Exhibition, who has been made a baron as a reward for his labours. The overseas peoples are turning out natural products in increasingly huge quantities. They realize that our huge industrial population can absorb all the wool, minerals, wheat and foodstuffs which they can send us. We, on our part, require that large sections of our teeming population be given an opportunity of seeking new and less restricted markets for their labour under the flag and among men of their own

breed and tongue. We also realize that if this growing sense of interdependence helps Dominion development, it will inevitably help our manufacturers for within the Empire for day life all those potentialities of production and trade which go to make up the complete and self-contained life of a nation. It is a thrilling fact that this could not have been said about any nation or Commonwealth of Nations before in the whole history of the world.

The amount of space which the Overseas Governments have taken at Wembley is unprecedented, the area covered by the exhibits of some of them being as large as that which the British Government itself has usually occupied in great International Exhibitions. Not only are India and the four great Dominions represented by magnificent pavilions, but the Crown Colonies have staged displays upon a scale which prove that they are factors to be reckoned with seriously in estimating our strength as an Empire. Each of the splendid pavilions which have been erected by the Overseas Governments forms a vast and complete exhibition by itself.

The exhibition is to be open until the end of October, and it is estimated that the great show will have an attendance of 40,000,000 persons.

CLOSER BONDS.

ECONOMIC CONFERENCE
MEASURES.

How They Are Being Acted Upon.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

London, April 23.
The Government has issued a White Paper specifying its position regarding the various resolutions of the Imperial Economic Conference and showing it endorses most of them and is giving effect to them by administrative measures and the introduction of legislation.

The Government hopes at an early date to introduce legislation for the reorganization of the Imperial Institute. The necessary instructions are being prepared regarding the placing at the disposal of the Dominion and Colonial Governments the services of His Majesty's commercial and diplomatic officers, and the Government will gladly take advantage of the Dominions' offer regarding the services of their overseas trade commissioners.

A revised scheme of Imperial trade statistics is being prepared for submission to the other Governments concerned.

The Government is preparing a scheme for the mutual interchange of aeronautical information and will take steps to keep other Governments fully informed of developments regarding airship services.

The Government is inviting the colonies and protectorates to adopt a scheme whereby patents granted in Britain should extend to the colonies and protectorates on registration.

The Government is reserving

TRAIN IN FLAMES.

TERRIBLE EXPRESS
COLLISION.

Many Tourists Killed.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

Bernes, April 23.
A disastrous collision occurred between two express trains each drawn by two locomotives on the St. Gothard line near Bellinzona. The accident is alleged to have been due to one of the drivers disobeying the signal at the entrance to the station.

One of the coaches burst into flames. Twenty-one bodies have been recovered up to the present, a number badly charred.

It is stated that the majority of the victims are German tourists bound for Italy.

TAKING A HOLIDAY.

WHY THE PREMIER WAS
ABSENT.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

London, April 23.
The Prime Minister was absent from Wembley because during Easter he was busy at the Conference of the Independent Labour Party. He received sanction from the King to take three days' holiday in order to obtain a short rest before the House of Commons reassembled.

any expression of their views on tariff preference, shipping, taxation and immunity of state enterprises pending the Budget discussion in Parliament.

SOUTH AFRICA'S POLITICS.

ELECTION CAMPAIGN OPENS.

Enigmatic Allusions.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

Capetown, April 24.
The South African election campaign was opened for the Nationalists by speeches of their leader, General Hertzog, and the Cape leader, Mr. Malan, and for the South African Party by General Smuts.

General Hertzog declared the Republican bogey had never been on the Nationalists' programme and he would be a fool to press it unless the English wanted it as much as the Dutch.

General Hertzog was closely heckled on this remarkable assertion.

Mr. Malan also spoke enigmatically on the subject of independence. Both are endeavouring to convince the electors that Nationalist policy in this connection coincides with General Smuts' policy.

Pretoria, April 23.

General Smuts announced the Government's policy and programme which embraces a number of broad progressive measures. He pointed out the Government's past accomplishments, including the destruction of Racism by securing the co-operation of the Unionists.

He charged the Nationalists with endeavouring to shelve the question of secession temporarily because of a pact with the Labour faction. He described the pact as an election dodge.

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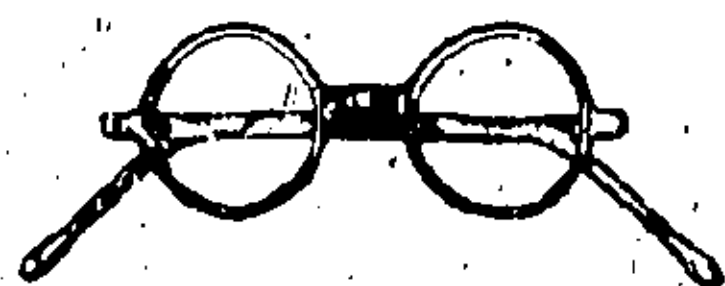
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DEATH.

ALABASTER.—At Boscombe, on the 23rd April, Laura Abbie, widow of the late Sir Chaloner Alabaster, K.C.M.G. and daughter of the late Dr. D. J. MacGowan, M.D., of New York and China.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 1924.

VERANDAS.

"Architect" has stated the case both for and against verandahs with such lawyer-like precision that it would probably be best to leave the matter where it is and await the reasons of the Authorities for the suggested change before launching out either in favour of them or in opposition to them. "Architect" spoils an excellent letter by a suggestion that there "seems to be a general desire to get even with the landlords who have done so well out of the general rise in value of

property in recent years." This had better been left unsaid. It is not likely that our Public Works officials are moved by any such idea. The argument in favour of the retention of verandahs that will appeal to most people is that verandahs afford shelter in the times of very trying weather that we have to endure. We are thinking particularly of those whose business it is daily to attempt shopping or whose avocations take them along the shopping thoroughfares. These are invariably crowded and it is a matter of danger to attempt to walk in the streets; besides which directors of traffic urge us to use the limited space of the sidewalks. In the hours of pitiless sun-shine and the often-times long periods of heavy downpours, these verandahs prove a haven. The shade and coolness they provide are at all times welcome. Where verandahs prove an objection—and we think of those particularly in side streets—is the use made of them by a certain type of servant to fling from them household refuse, taking no account of passers-by in

the street below, or the washing of them at odd times, often again to the discomfort of pedestrians. Observers, also notice that the space of verandahs is given up to all manner of uses—principally to those for which they were never intended—the stacking of them with household goods, or merchandise, to a considerable extent. It does not need the expert to know that verandahs add coith, and properly used should be the most inviting part of houses and premises. These somewhat discursive remarks may not add very much to what seems likely to become a "burning" question. We must "wait and see"—wait until the Authorities make known the reasons that prompt them to withdraw what the looker-on seems to think has been an immemorial custom—and see if the reasons are adequate. There seems no question that in some of our congested areas, more space is sadly needed. If verandahs obstruct in this direction, then verandahs must go.

Mosquitoes.

The Sanitary Board, with commendable promptitude, is issuing to European residents a little booklet of five pages "concerning mosquitoes and malaria" which we trust will be carefully read, digested, and its hints acted upon. The matter of the reprint is some fourteen years old, having been compiled by a former Medical Officer of Health, and has not been the subject of revision, presumably because there is nothing new to say on a very biting topic, and residents, as ever, are slow to take the elementary precautions of either ridding themselves of a nuisance, or taking steps to prevent it. That must be so for the pamphlet informs us that "Malaria Fever alone is responsible for between 400 and 500 deaths a year in Hongkong." The Sanitary Board cannot be expected to do wonders. Its last piece of legislation will do a lot towards preventing the breeding of insects where building operations are going on but the great trouble is where building operations have ceased and people live on in pain and discomfort, complaining and suffering, when, with a little extra exertion, they might well reduce the mosquito pest to a minimum. We are not certain if copies of this pamphlet in the vernacular are distributed to Chinese residents, and particularly to Chinese servants, but we imagine the Sanitary Board has not lost sight of this necessary addition to the work of publicity. But this work will be of no avail if householders will not assist. Surely it should not take much time once a week to make a survey of the premises occupied and to see what can be done to prevent stagnant water and unnecessary scrub.

Unemployment.

The cable accounts of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's address at the annual conference of the Independent Labour Party contains not a single word on the question of Unemployment. It does not follow that the matter was not touched upon, but the absence of any reference to it is, to say the least, remarkable. It is one of the subjects that the Socialists Government might be expected to solve, or at least to make an effort to do so, but so far, nothing has eventuated, and the question remains one in which the position is "as you were." Mr. Baldwin's proposed panacea having been relegated to obscurity, those who helped to banish it are faced with the duty of providing another, and probably finding by this, that it is easier to criticise destructively, than it is to initiate constructively. It is not a new topic or subject and the remedies proposed are perhaps not either new or old either. It is good that the matter is not to be treated solely as one of party politics, but that it is receiving the attention of the best brains the country possesses, for with it goes hand in hand the contentment of the British people and the peace and prosperity of the country. Mr. Baldwin, for instance, is particularly clear on the matter:—

It does not matter what profits are made by the middleman, the banks and the railway companies, so long as you have this mass of unemployment in the country. Unless we can improve the conditions throughout the country the whole edifice will crumble and fall. I am convinced of this, and I want you all to be convinced of it, that you can have no peace

and no prosperity in England until you have the masses of your people at work, and working with a prospect of good wages and of bettering their conditions.

This has been described as "uncommon frankness"—uncommon probably because politicians of certain grades of thought have, in the past, not been wont to speak so directly, and, shall we say? so sympathetically. But this is the age of the cloth cap, when the head of the Government knows what poverty means, and the men, or most of them, who surround and support him, know what it is to labour and what it means when there is no work waiting to be done, and consequently nothing with which to replenish the larder as a result. An agreement with Russia opening up markets for some years closed; the adoption of the Reparations Experts' Report—these amongst other things will add to a solution of the difficulty which all, irrespective of party, will wish, to see speedily settled.

The earthquake shocks reported at Home are not likely to cause such a panic as was created by similar shocks 150 years ago. In February and March, 1750, violent earth tremors shook London, causing the bells of Westminster and other churches to ring, and throwing people into a panic. Thousands went ten miles out of London, and hundreds of thousands refused to live in houses, sleeping out at night in specially designed "earthquake gowns," a sort of specially warm dressing-gown. The shocks continued at intervals all through the summer until September, and so terror-stricken had the folks become that they were prepared to turn to anything for safety, and quacks "made fortunes from the sale of "earthquake pills," which were supposed to render folks immune from danger in earth tremors.

The Farn Islands, happily preserved from spoliation, have an historical as well as an ornithological interest. The keeper of the lighthouse in 1838 was William Darling, who on September 7 rowed out with his daughter Grace, aged twenty-three, to the rescue of the passengers of the wrecked steamer *Forfarshire*, and saved nine of them, at great personal risk. The exploit brought immediate fame to the lighthouse-keeper and his daughter. The Humane Society voted a gold medal to each; the Treasury made Grace a grant of £50; and over £1,000 was raised by public subscription. The proprietor of a well-known circus tried to engage her, but without success; the father is described as "a man of strong religious conviction, objecting to light literature," and unlikely to be sympathetic to the circus life. He even wrote to the papers complaining that he and his daughter had had to sit for their portrait seven times in twelve days. Moreover, "applications for locks of hair came in till Grace was in danger of baldness." Fame did not turn her head. "She remained," we are told, a "hardworking sensible girl"; and died of consumption four years later.

A striking example A LONG of remembrance is MEMORY. Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital. Just 42 years ago a poor patient received treatment at the hospital, and in that way had his eyesight saved. Recently his mother died at a ripe old age in New York, and bequeathed to the hospital 3,000 dollars in recognition of the services rendered to her son. The institution benefits thus to the extent of £638.

BOXING AND BOXERS. Carpenter's visit to Berlin was not his first appearance in the German capital. His previous mission, had nothing to do with the "Ring." It was connected with Carpenter's association with a business for the manufacture of aluminium boxes and other utensils to which the champion had lent the prestige of his name. Carpenter was then the first "enemy" subject of fame who had ventured to Berlin since the war. But the Berliners subordinated their national sentiments to feelings of sportsmanship. Carpenter attended an important boxing contest, and the crowd cheered the boxer, however they may have felt towards the Frenchman.

A story bearing a certain resemblance to that of the young railway porter in Barrie's "What Every Woman Knows," who broke into a house in order to study the books in the library, is being told at Nottingham. Charles Henry Allen, aged 21, has been charged with stealing during the past five years books to the value of £185 from a leading local bookseller. He was described as being highly

cultured and a keen student, who had developed bibliomania. His appetite for literature could not be satisfied. He had read books of a very advanced character, and most of those stolen he had put on his shelves for the sheer joy of gloating over them.

It may sound very wicked, but we have a great deal of sympathy for Charles Henry Allen.

Today's Poem.

(A Poem Tree.)
I was angry with my friend
Held my wrath, my wrath did end.
I was angry with my foe:
Held it not, my wrath did grow.
And I watered it in fears,
Night and morning with my tears;
And I sunned it with my smiles,
And with soft deceitful wiles.
And it grew both day and night,
Till it bore an apple bright;
And my foe beheld it shine,
And he knew that it was mine,
And into my garden stole
When the night had veiled the pole:
In the morning glad I see
My foe outstretched beneath the tree.
—William Blake.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

APRIL 24.

1661. It fell a-raining and thundering and lightning as I have not seen it do for some years.—Pepys.

WORK AND WASTE.

Consider how few of those that work are employed in labours that are of real service; for we who measure all things by money give rise to many trades that are both vain and superfluous, and serve only to support riot and luxury. For if those who work were employed only in such things as the conveniences of life require, there would be such an abundance of them that the prices of them would so sink that tradesmen could not be maintained by their gains; if all those who labour about useless things were set to more profitable employments, and if all they that languish out their lives in sloth and idleness, every one of whom consumes as much as any two of the men that are at work, were forced to labour, you may easily imagine that a small proportion of time would serve for doing all that is either necessary, profitable, or pleasant to mankind, especially while pleasure is kept within its due bounds.
—Sir T. More ("Utopia").

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

April 24.—Coronet Theatre; Pola Negri in "Passion."
April 24.—Star Theatre, Kowloon; Classical and Characteristic dances.

April 24.—World Theatre; "A Chapter in Her Life."
April 28.—Last Concert of the season, the Hongkong Male Voice Choir, in St. Andrew's Hall, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.

SOCIAL.

April 25.—Ball in Aid of St. Dunstan's, at City Hall, 9.15 p.m.
April 26.—Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

SPORTS.

April 24.—H. K. C. C. Tennis Tournament: Ng Sze-kwong and C. Choa v R. E. Worthington and F. A. Redmond, 4.30 p.m.

April 25.—Billiards Championship for Ho Kom-long Cups, at Palace Hotel, Kowloon, 9 p.m.
April 26.—Sixth tournament of the Hongkong Boxing Assn. at Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

April 25.—H. K. C. C. Tennis Tournament: T. Honda v H. D. Runjahn.

April 26.—R.H.Y.C. closing cruise of the season and ladies' day at the Club-house, North Point, 8 p.m.

April 26.—H. K. C. C. Tennis Tournament: semi-final doubles.

April 28.—H. K. C. C. Tennis Tournament: semi-final singles.

April 30.—H. K. C. C. Tennis Tournament: final doubles.

May 2.—H. K. C. C. Tennis Tournament: final singles.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

April 25.—Lammert Bros., at Godown No. 18, West Point, 2,963 sacks flour, 11 a.m.

April 25.—Lammert Bros., 1a, Armand Bldgs., Kimberley Road, Kowloon, household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

June 11.—Lammert Bros., at the premises of the H.K. Tramway Co., Ltd., Bowington Canal Rd., Ensl, steam driven electric generating plant, 3 p.m.

COMBANY MEETINGS.

April 30.—Twenty-seventh annual meeting of shareholders of the China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., at St. George's Building, 6 Connaught Road, 11 a.m.

May 6.—Forty-third meeting of the I.C.S.N. Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11 a.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The master of the Dutch steamer "Overshale" reports that a sailor was drowned while the vessel was on her way to Hongkong from Swatow.

A Reuter cable from Shanghai reports that in the Shanghai Billiards Championship Final, Captain Barrett scored 1,200 and Mr. Gordon Morris 1,015.

In connection with the Lin-ching claims, states a Reuter cable from Peking, the Waichiao has asked the Diplomats to confer with it on that subject.

For carrying seven passengers in excess of his licensed number, Kong Kan, the master of the motor boat "Leung 1" was fined \$10 at the Marine Court this morning. His explanation was that the extra passengers were workmen.

The Shanghai Bowling Club, the oldest club in the Far East, has been sold, states a *Daily Bulletin* cable. The club, which has stood in its present position since its formation 70 years ago, must now seek new premises.

Dr. Greig, the League of Nations delegate for the repatriation of Russians, has written a letter to the *N. C. Daily News* urgently appealing on behalf of the Russian refugees in Manchuria, among whom there is acute distress, states a *Daily Bulletin* cable from Shanghai.

Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., who are the sole agents for Hongkong and South China for the celebrated "Cow and Gate" brand of milk, have received a wire stating that the product has been awarded a gold medal at the Calcutta Exhibition, beating all competitors. This particular brand of milk is an English product.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A wedding at Weihaiwei is a rare occurrence, and the marriage on April 12 of Lieut. G. P. Claridge, of H. M. Submarine Foilla, to Miss Margaret E. Beer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Beer, well-known as among the oldest residents of the port was an event that excited much local interest. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. C. R. Burnett, M.A. at St. John's Church, Port Edward, which had been tastefully decorated by the ladies of the port with marguerites and daffodils, mainly contributed by Mr. Russell Brown from Government House gardens. The church was well filled with friends of the bride and bridegroom, including a number of officers of H.M.S. "Diomedé" the only ship at present at Weihaiwei.

RECORD TIME.

RUSHING SILK TO
NEW YORK.

The New York *Journal of Commerce* notes an unusually fast trip made by a silk cargo from Yokohama to New York via Vancouver over the Canadian Pacific by rail and steamer. This shipment was that which arrived in Vancouver on the "Empress of Russia," having left Yokohama at 3.40 p.m., Monday, February 16, and docked at Vancouver, 8.15 p.m., Monday, February 25.

A special train of silk left Vancouver via the Canadian Pacific and New York Central in two hours and thirty minutes after the steamer docked and the silk was delivered in New York at 1 p.m. on March 1.

This makes a through time from Yokohama to New York of thirteen days, twenty-one hours and twenty minutes, calendar time.

This did not constitute a record for silk transportation, however, as the fastest time, which has ever been made by any combination of railway and steamship lines via any route, was that made on silk shipped on the Canadian Pacific Steamer "Empress of Canada" in June last year. The actual time from Yokohama to New York was twelve days, twenty-one hours and forty-nine minutes. This was six hours and fifty-six minutes faster than any time ever made through any Pacific ports.

FROM AULD REEKIE.

LETTER FOR SCOTS ABROAD.

HOME RULE.

Hitherto home rule has been associated with Ireland's age-old wrongs, but Irishmen now have their affairs in their own hands and this leaves the British Parliament free to give its attention to—
—Scotch home rule. Whilst the Scotch are not in a frame of mind to having Parliament as the Irish Nationalists did, they certainly long for quicker action in certain affairs relating to Scotland. But just as the Irish could never agree among themselves on what they wanted, so there is nothing like unanimity among the Scots either, in a demand for home rule. A bill to give Scotland home rule is to be introduced in Parliament this spring by George Buchanan, one of Glasgow's Labour members. Closely associated with him is another Glasgow Labour member, the Rev. Campbell Stephen, a Free Church clergyman. There is in existence a Scottish Home Rule Association of sufficient importance to enlist the Marquess of Graham as president, and Scottish home-rulers insist that there is a very general demand for self-determination in their country. We shall soon see how the House of Commons views the matter and if the words of Dr. Archibald Fleming, Minister of St. Columba's Scottish Presbyterian Church, in London, are true when he says: "Scotsmen are so busy running the British Empire, that they haven't time to bother about home rule."

Haggis.

A crisis has safely been negotiated. Hitherto Scottish members of the House of Commons could obtain anything from a piece of toast up to a tremendous course dinner and the choicest wines—but no haggis. But all that is now ended and once a week at least, those who want it may obtain this delectable Scotch dish from the Parliamentary kitchen for it is on the menu on Tuesday—which is the day for Scottish questions in the House. The haggis is obtained specially from Edinburgh, and about 12lb. of it is consumed on the appointed day. English members are said to be acquiring an appetite for it. The triumph of the Scottish members will not be complete until they can demand and obtain it every day in the week. "An' we wull, mon, och aye," said one member with fierce emphasis.

Highland Ishmaelites. The Duchess of Atholl has recently been holding forth on the lot of the "travelling folk," or "tinkers." These are the Scottish equivalent to the English gypsies. They are on a lower plane than the true Romany folk. They have no caravan, but usually own a ramshackle pony cart, on which is piled a small black tent, three to four feet high, a quantity of grimy bedding, cooking utensils, and nearly always a baby, dirt-encrusted. The rest of the family, if there is any, and there generally is, walk.

Representing the King: I hear that Mr. James Brown, M.P., the Labour member for South Ayrshire, is likely to be appointed Lord High Commissioner to the Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Usually some Scottish nobleman has been appointed, and if this appointment takes place it will be the first for over 250 years. The Lord High Commissioner represents the King and resides for a fortnight in Holyrood Palace from which he drives every day, accompanied by a mounted escort of cavalry. He also holds Levees, £2,000 a year is paid towards the High Commissioner's salary.

CLEVER ARTISTE.

PIANO AND VOCAL RECITAL.

Last night's recital was memorable if only for the great promise for the future shown by Miss Maria Margarida Gomes, who possesses inborn traits of artistry seemingly beyond the ordinary. Miss Gomes, who is a pupil of Mr. Harry Ore, submitted piano items from the works of Bach, Chopin, Schumann, and Liszt, and revealed a delightful touch and a perfect command of her instrument. She also submitted songs by Gounod, Delibes, Rachmaninoff, and Rimsky-Korsakoff—the latter's haunting "Hindoo" chant. We understand Miss Gomes is an untrained singer, which makes her performance all the more remarkable. Her voice is of great range and purity and a period of training and study should make her an artist of note. She delighted a large audience in St. John's Cathedral Hall who gave her every encouragement.

TRAINS TO CANTON.

SERVICE SHORTLY BEING RESUMED.

REPAIRS IN HAND.

EACH SECTION TO RUN ITS OWN TRAINS.

Hopes are now entertained that the Chinese section of the Kowloon-Canton railway will be working in about ten days' time. No through trains will be run at first, but passengers from Canton will transfer to the cars in British territory and thus come to Kowloon, while those leaving Hongkong will change at Sam Chun for Canton. In other words, each section will run its own local service completely and through passengers will change over at the border.

Yesterday, the Traffic Manager of the Chinese Administration came down to Hongkong and a repair train got right through from Canton to Sam Chun. It appears that reports of a locomotive having been wrecked and placed across the lines, others having been damaged, and a steel bridge having been severed, were exaggerations; though wanton damage have been done to some stations in Chinese territory where anti-Sun troops were in occupation. Rails have been torn up in short lengths here and there to prevent military movements and the railway's telegraph service has also been interfered with.

Repairs are being pushed ahead and it is estimated that in about ten days they will have been completed.

For the present it is anticipated that each section will use its own locomotives and carriages. A report comes from Canton that different factions professing loyalty to Dr. Sun have mapped out various parts of the Chinese line for garrisoning. It is no secret that there is a large surplus of troops so there should be ample numbers to safeguard against eventualities and protect the line from marauders. Some of General Lau Tsun-wan's Kwangsi (pro-Sun) contingent are already at the southern part of the line which used to be in Chan's hands.

CLEVER DANCERS.

FIRST SHOW AT THE STAR TO-NIGHT.

Everyone who likes dancing—and who does not these days?—should make a point during the next few days of seeing little Mura Shipoff and her brother Koka in the Star Theatre where they are beginning a brief Kowloon season to-night, for these two clever performers give an exhibition of dances, striking as varied, which it is a pleasure to behold. Supplementing their entertainment is an excellent movie play called "A Message From Mars," based on the famous stage play of the same name.

TRAVEL GUIDE.

"The Far Eastern Traveller's Gazette," published quarterly by Thos. Cook and Son, is an illustrated journal devoted to travel and the April-June issue is of particular interest to residents of the Far East who are returning to Europe for home leave. Details are given of the necessary preparations for the journey, selection of route, the insurance of baggage etc. also valuable hints on what countries to visit. An article on "Where Nature is Sublime" is in praise of that trinity of beautiful countries—Norway, Sweden and Denmark—and it need hardly be said that "The Land of Mountains and Loch" is for the benefit of visitors to that grand and popular tourist country—Scotland. There is also an article on the British Empire Exhibition, a general view of it and particulars of how to obtain hotel accommodation near.

BARBERS' DISPUTE.

The attention of Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Gompertz was again occupied, at the Supreme Court this morning by the case in which Fazil Karim, barber and former master barber in the Kings Regiment, sued Alaya Kia, master barber, East Surrey, for \$450 alleged to have been paid him as part share in a proposed partnership which had not taken place.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, for defendant, denied that the money had been paid. Mr. C. A. S. Russ for plaintiff admitted that there was no receipt but said that among people of Mohammedan faith receipts were rare. He claimed that the reason why the proposed partnership was broken was that a former partner of defendant's had returned from abroad and that defendant then got plaintiff dismissed from the Surrey on the pretext that he was lending money to the soldiers. Judgment was given for defendant.

HOLDING ALOOF.

SHANGHAI ATHLETIC UNION.

SOUTH CHINA'S DECISION.

Refusal by the local South China Athletic Association to recognise the China Amateur Athletic Union, Shanghai, of which Dr. Gray is secretary, is likely to prevent Hongkong being represented at the forthcoming China Contest for National Games at Wuchang, near Hankow.

It appears that the Amateur Athletic Union has promoted the games but the South China A. A. is of the opinion that it does not constitute the central athletic body of China. An S. C. A. A. official when approached this morning by a *China Mail* reporter said that they were in the dark as to what athletic bodies were represented in the Shanghai Union. He had heard that a China Amateur Athletic Association was in course of formation in Shanghai but this body had not replied satisfactorily to a query from Hongkong as to "what's what."

Mr. A. E. Dome of the Hongkong Y. M. C. A. is said to have convened a meeting to discuss the prospects of sending competitors from Hongkong but little has yet eventuated.

South China could have sent at least a soccer team, a baseball team and a number of track and field men, but neither the athletes nor the Association seem to be inclined to join hands under the present circumstances.

Nothing has been heard as to whether the decision of the Hongkong Chinese will have any effect on the proposed games.

FAILED TO STOP.

MOTOR BOAT MAN IGNORES POLICE.

For failing to stop his motor boat when called upon to do so by a police officer, Cheung Hung, master of the "Yak Hung 1" was fined \$50 at the Marine Court this morning.

Robert Butler, a Police sergeant, told the Court that when he answered the call of the s.s. "Paul Lecat" for Police, he was told about the arms and ammunition on board and also that a motor boat with a sampan attached had articles aboard which had been taken from the ship. He chased the motor boat in the police launch and blew twice for the master to stop. The boat stopped at Douglas Pier and the motor boat master explained that he was engaged to tow the sampan ashore.

The defendant gave a similar explanation at the Court this morning and added that he did not hear the Police whistle.

KIDNAPPERS.

YOUNG BOYS TAKE YOUNGER BOYS.

Two young boys fourteen and sixteen years old, were charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Yau-mat Police Court this morning with kidnapping two younger boys of nine years of age from Canton. A third defendant, a much older Chinese was charged with harbouring the kidnapped youngsters in Hongkong.

The evidence showed that the two small boys were induced to leave Canton by the older boys on the pretext that they would be found employment at \$1 a day. While they stayed at 617 Shanghai Street, information was given to the Police and the older boys and the third accused were arrested.

The two boys were ordered to receive 12 strokes each; their senior companion was sent to jail for six months.

THE S.S. 'PAUL BEAU'

STILL BEACHED ON CANTON RIVER BANK.

Work is still progressing on the "Paul Beau" which went ashore at Sampan Chau in the Canton River after coming into collision with a French ship on Saturday night. It is expected the vessel will be patched up sufficiently to enable her to be towed into dock to-morrow.

An inquiry will be held at the Harbour Office, but no date has yet been fixed.

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FOOT CUT OFF.

LITTLE GIRLS' TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

TRAM PASSES OVER ANKLE.

Through attempting to cross the road at Shaukiwan in front of a passing tram, a Chinese girl six years of age, was knocked over. A wheel passed right over her left leg and her foot was completely severed at the ankle.

She was sent to hospital. Her parents gave her address as No. 33, Main Street, Shaukiwan Road West.

SEAMEN ARRESTED.

ALLEGED DISORDERLY BEHAVIOUR.

Mr. J. T. Goldsmith and Mr. H. Johnson, bar managers of the Hongkong Hotel, were complainants in a case before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Jan Nederaal and D. A. Klaassen, both described as seamen of the s.s. "Tjiuwong," were charged with disorderly conduct in the bar yesterday and with assaulting the complainants.

Mr. J. C. Macnamara appeared to prosecute. Bail was granted in the sum of \$20 each and the case was remanded till noon to-morrow.

HONGKONG'S HEALTH.

During the week ended April 19, there were notified to the Medical Officer of Health, the following cases of disease:—

Nine cases and a similar number of deaths of small-pox, one being a Filipino (imported) and the other Chinese. Enteric fever, one case; one death; cerebro-spinal fever, three cases (one imported), two deaths; one case of puerperal fever and two fatal cases of influenza all Chinese.

Four cases of small-pox, one of enteric fever, one of paratyphoid fever and one of cerebro spinal fever, were reported during the 24 hours ended on April 22. One of the small-pox patients was Hindu-Singalese and the rest were Chinese.

Yesterday two imported cases of small-pox and one of cerebro spinal fever, all Chinese were notified.

ST. DUNSTON'S BALL.

GOOD DANCE PROGRAMME ANNOUNCED.

The decorators were busy at the City Hall this morning preparing for the St. Dunstan's Ball which takes place to-morrow night. For this noble institution it is hoped that there will be a good response. Tickets are \$4 each which includes light refreshments. The music is to be provided by the Hongkong Hotel Orchestra and from the look of the programme promises to attract many encores.

The dance card will be as follows:—

1. Fox Trot—No No Nora.
2. " " Mobile Blues.
3. " " Parade of the Wooden Soldiers.
4. Waltz—A kiss in the dark.
5. Fox Trot—Havana.
6. " " Saw Mill River Road.
7. " " Back Porch.
8. " " Before you go.
9. Waltz—Sweet sweet.
10. Waltz—Lovely Lucerne.
11. Fox Trot—Coronado.
12. " " Sobbin Blues.
13. " " Marchetta.
14. Waltz—Just a little kiss.
15. Fox Trot—Japanese Sunset.

BILLIARDS.

HO KOM TONG CUPS.

The handicapping and draw for the Ho Kom Tong Cups took place at the Palace Hotel last night. The following is the handicap play to commence to-morrow night (April 25) at 9 p.m.

Mr. E. Antonio—125 v. Mr. H. Miles—125.
The following is the handicap:—
Mr. S. J. Bradell 100, Mr. J. A. de Luz 100, Mr. Luz Antonio 125, Mr. R. F. Gardener 100, Mr. C. Ge 115, Mr. W. Wong 150, Mr. F. E. Silva 100, Mr. H. T. Brooks 100, Mr. H. P. Green 150, Mr. H. O. Balchin 175, Mr. H. Wilson 50, Mr. C. Spry 125, Mr. N. Ramsay 125, Mr. H. Blandin 170, Mr. L. R. Billing 70, Mr. E. Antonio 125, Mr. H. Miles 125, Mr. F. Treagus 100, Mr. H. D. Bennett 100, Mr. E. Remedios 100, Mr. K. K. Leung 250, Mr. A. G. Pile 125, and Mr. A. J. Osmund 325.

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NEW CHEUNG CHAU FERRY.

LAUNCH WELL NAMED.

After years with only the steam-launch "Cheung Chau"—augmented at times by the unfortunate "Lee Fat"—and others—Cheung Chow residents will be pleased to learn that the new launch for the ferry service to Hongkong will be running next week.

Not many other than old residents of Dumbell Island are aware of the fact that the ferry monopoly is operated by the *Kai-fong*, i.e., the Chinese community. In response to requests by the foreign community, stipulations have been laid down and the brand new steam-launch "Kung Yick"—the Chinese characters of which signify "Public Benefit (to all)"—is the result.

On Sunday the launch will start from Blake Pier at noon on a pleasure cruise when many Europeans will be present. After that it will ply on the daily run.

There are many who are interested in Cheung Chau both from the point of view of its use as a summer resort and its growing business. Some feel that the advent of an additional ferry will mark a closer linking up with Hongkong and at the very least will mean the quicker transportation of market fish.

PIRACY EVIL.

ARMED LAUNCH ESCORTS.

The "Dom Joas," the first to be completed of a fleet of four armed escort launches to protect the convoy of river boats trading to Kongmoon, sailed at 12.30 to-day. For the next two days she will patrol between Hongkong and Kongmoon in order to get acquainted with the river. Two of the others will be commissioned by Monday or Tuesday next and the fourth a few days later.

The launches will be operated by Chinese crews and will carry a fighting force of ten and an armament of Maxim and Lewis guns. The "Dom Joas" will be the only one to carry wireless for a time but the others will be equipped later.

George William Moore, 44, son of Hannah Moore, a widow, aged 84, who was found murdered in her house at Esh Hill Top, between Duriam and Consett, was remanded at Consett Court charged on suspicion of having murdered her.

ST. GEORGE EXPLAINS MATTERS.

From the "St. George's Times" of April 24:—The banqueting hall of the baronial castle on Pedder's Hill was full to overflowing yesterday, when St. George presided over a vast gathering of stout Yeoman of the surrounding country who had assembled to do him honour and to assist in the formation of a St. George's Society that is to be representative of England and Englishmen. St. George who rose to address the meeting after a right royal English repast had been done justice to, said they were assembled that evening with one fixed purpose in their minds. He deprecated the references to that "little affair" in the forest, the slaying of the fiery dragon and the release of the hapless maiden. It was knightly doubtless, but nothing that would not have been done by any Englishman worthy the name. But they had likened it to an act of chivalry and in that sense were about to form a League or Society of Englishmen whose guiding rule would be not merely chivalry, but all those good things for which Englishmen stood and which were to make them and the glorious country to which they belonged still more famous. It was in no sense of vain-glory that they were forming that Society; they were

CORRESPONDENCE.

"BROKERS' QUARREL."

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—The action taken by the Hongkong Stock Exchange and the Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association in withdrawing the daily issue of share quotations, is to my mind, totally unjustified and selfish. They allege the "outsiders" take advantage of the quotation list to transact business for their own benefit. Now why should the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank issue their daily exchange quotations as the Exchange brokers will take advantage of these to transact business with some other banks? Why should the holders post up sailing notices of steamers simply for the benefit of the shipping companies? Why should the Government make good roads for the benefit of the public, and so forth? In other words, if other organisations or associations will adopt the same attitude, it will be detrimental to trade and a menace to the public.

I myself do not think much about their quotations since they do not generally exhibit a true state of the share market. If they put "buyer" they are not really buying, and if they put "seller" they are not really selling. If you ask for explanation, they will say: "Oh, they are simply carried forward." As a matter of fact when they want to buy, they put "seller" and when they want to sell they put "buyer" so as to squeeze or deceive the public.

I should like to see the "outsiders" start a new association which will issue daily a true share quotation list.

Yours etc.

INVESTOR.
Hongkong, April 24.

FERRY ALARM.

PASSENGER REPORTED OVERBOARD.

When the Chinese ferry launch "Man Sing" was crossing from Yau-mat to Hongkong about 9 last night, a passenger suddenly called out that another had fallen overboard. A search was made at once in the vicinity but the person who is supposed to have gone into the harbour was not found. Nobody sitting in that part of the launch could say who the passenger was or even if it had been a man or woman.

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SHIPBUILDING IN THE
FAR EAST.

According to Mr. R. Sutherland, who represented the Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd. at the launch of the s.s. "Lien-shing" at Hongkong on March 26, an opinion exists in some quarters that owing to the deplorable state of affairs resulting from the present unemployment at Home, shipbuilding contracts wherever possible should be placed in the Old Country, in preference to foreign ports or even British colonies. Such an opinion, at first sight, might appear to be logical and reasonable, but actually it is justified by neither facts nor conditions, and Mr. Sutherland, in disclaiming that there was anything unpatriotic in the placing of orders in British yards abroad, spoke no more than the truth, backing his statement by facts as irrefutable as obvious, says *Shipping and Engineering*.

The building of ships, of all sizes and descriptions, in the Far East, is an industry that has come to stay. The yards at Shanghai and at Hongkong contributed their share, or more than their share of tonnage, during and after the war when tonnage was urgently needed; and what was turned out compared favourably, both in quality and in price, with the product of any yards in the world. The shipbuilding depression has hit all building countries badly, some perhaps a little worse than others—but all are suffering, with the possible exception of Germany. Under the circumstances, it appears both illogical and unreasonable for anyone to suggest that any building destined for British yards in the Far East should be diverted to the Home yards. As Mr. Sutherland pertinently pointed out, apart from the fact that there are sometimes difficulties in placing orders at Home, owing perhaps to difference in prices, uncertainty of delivery, etc., the bulk of the material and fittings of each and every vessel constructed in British yards in the Far East for British owners (and those in non-British yards for non-British owners too, to a great extent) are in the first place manufactured at Home and shipped to these parts, so that, as Mr. Sutherland stated, the placing of contracts in Hongkong (to mention only one place) materially benefits industrial concerns in the United Kingdom and simultaneously assists the unemployment question at Home. In the construction of the "Lien-shing" alone, for instance, the material ordered from Home was of the value of nearly £40,000.

The shipbuilding yards in the Far East are a distinct asset to whoever possesses them, and those in British hands are no less important to Britain than are the Japanese yards to Japan. To suggest that because there is a regrettable amount of unemployment at Home the British yards in the Far East should be deprived of what little constructive work is available is absurd. It would have, in the aggregate, only a minute, a very minute effect on the situation at Home, while so far as the yards out there are concerned it would probably mean their losing trained and experienced men whose efficiency is the product of many years of careful instruction, and who, once they went to other parts or branched out in some other form of occupation, might be difficult, if not impossible, to replace. Looked at from whatever viewpoint, these trained men in the Far East are a national asset, and to endanger their availability by diverting to Europe the comparatively small amount of work they do at present would be both unbusiness-like and near-sighted.

London, April 23.—There was general resumption of Southampton shipyard workers to-day, and about notices were withdrawn throughout the country.—*Reuter*.

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LOCAL TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

WORTHINGTON DEFEATED.

Playing in the Handicap Singles "A" on the H.K.C.C. courts yesterday, G. W. Sewell (-3/6) defeated R. E. Worthington (-15/3) by two sets to one. It is interesting to note that when the Ng Sze-kwong v. T. Honda match was abandoned for the first time owing to rain, Sewell was within an ace of victory and his game had to be stopped. Subsequently the pair met in the Club championship singles when Worthington won without very much difficulty, but after an excellent match.

In the Club championship L. Forster defeated R. J. Saunders in five sets. Detailed scores were as follows:—Handicap Singles "A"—G. W. Sewell (-3/6) beat R. E. Worthington (-15/3), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3. Club Championship.—L. Forster beat R. J. Saunders, 6-2, 5-7, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

To-day's stand court match is Ng Sze-kwong and C. Choa v. R. E. Worthington and F. A. Redmond in the open doubles.

VARSITY FINAL.

The final match of the Doubles Tournament, University, A. Rumljahn and D. Laing v. the Hong brothers, will be played off on the University Pavilion at 4.15 p.m. sharp on Wednesday, April 30.

HONGKONG'S HELP.

JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE FUND.

As announced last month, the Hongkong Committee in charge of funds raised in connection with the Japanese Earthquake Disaster decided to remit the balance of the Fund, amounting to some \$115,000.00, to Kobe, Yen 50,000.00 to be used to meet the deficit on the working of the relief ship "Tai Wayfoong" and \$74,000.00 to be divided equally to meet Japanese and foreign needs—"foreign" being understood to mean Chinese British, American and nationality other than Japanese.

In acknowledging the moiety—¥43,991.29—to be used for non-Japanese relief, the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Earthquake Relief Fund, Kobe, writing to the Secretary of the Hongkong Relief Committee under date 15th April, states:—

"Arrangements will be made to allot a share of the above sum to the British and Chinese Committees as requested, although the former will not require much, as my Committee also looks after the needs of British subjects by a mutual understanding with the British Relief Fund.

"May I ask you to convey to your Committee our deep sense of appreciation and gratitude for this splendid, and timely, donation. We had come almost to the end of our resources, while on the other hand there are still frequent requests for assistance from deserving cases which could not be met excepting for this unlooked-for donation from you. On behalf of my Committee I beg to thank you very sincerely for the same."

Paris, April 23.—Advices from Speyer state that unknown persons in a motor-car assassinated Herr Helfferich, the Burgomaster of Munich.—*Reuter*.

New York, April 23.—The Lawn Tennis Association, replying to Tilden, expresses surprise at his doubts regarding his eligibility, and reiterates that he is qualified to play in the Davis Cup and Olympic competitions. It requests him to attend a meeting of the former committee on April 25.—*Reuter's American Service*.

THREE YEARS' JAIL. FORMER BOER GENERAL SENTENCED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Capetown, April 23. The Boer ex-General Maritz charged with high treason in connection with the rebellion of 1914 was sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

The Judge said the lightness of the sentence was due to accused's sufferings during his years of exile while fellow offenders had been released after a short period of imprisonment.

MacLAREN'S LUCK.

ANOTHER PERFECT FLIGHT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Karachi, April 23. MacLaren has arrived here after a perfect flight in ideal weather. [MacLaren is the British aviator who is flying round the world.]

Later. The arrival of MacLaren at Karachi constitutes the completion of the first stage of the world flight of 4,800 miles.

KIEFF TRIAL.

POINCARÉ EXPLAINS INTERVENTION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, April 23. M. Poincaré has replied to M. Chicherin, Soviet Foreign Minister, who rejected France's attempt to interfere in the Kieff trial on behalf of spies.

M. Poincaré says the French Government in transmitting to the Soviet Government the petition of the French savants asking for clemency for their Russian comrades did not intend to interfere in Russian internal affairs.

M. Poincaré adds that the Soviet Government is perfectly free to disregard considerations of humanity but he denies the allegation that the condemned men at Kieff collaborated with the French secret service.

FRONTIER TROUBLES.

MASHUDS ATTACK A PATROL.

(Reuter's Service.)

Allahabad, April 23. The "Pioneer's" North-West Frontier correspondent reports that Mashuds fired on a patrol of the Berkshire Regiment near Razmak on April 15, killing two and wounding one.

Artillery, as a reprisal, shelled Mandesh, the former Mashud capital.

EMPIRE CRUISE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Wellington, April 22. The Special Service Squadron has been sighted.

PURE NONSENSE.

ABSURD CHINESE MASS MEETING.

Peking, April 23.

A meeting attended by 200 persons was held in the Central Park yesterday, including some prominent members of Parliament, regarding the arrest of the soldier who assaulted Mr. Campbell on the section of the Great Wall under the control of the Legation police, on the 13th inst., passed eight resolutions, some of them being pure nonsense and others revealed an astonishing ignorance of the circumstances.

The main points of the resolutions were that the members attending the meeting should telegraph to the British Government asking for the recall of Sir J. W. R. Macleay, British Minister to Peking, and urging the Chinese Government not to punish the soldier severely.—*Courtesy "Daily Bulletin"*.

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The report of the above Company for presentation to the shareholders at the 27th ordinary general meeting to be held at the office of the Company on Wednesday, April 30, at 11 o'clock, is as follows:—

The net earnings for the past year amount to \$108,307.34 which with \$4,632.74 brought forward from the previous year, \$50,000 transferred from Reserve Fund, and \$25,000 from Equalisation of Dividend Account gives the sum of \$187,940.08 which it is recommended be appropriated as follows:—

To place to Reserve Fund	\$10,000.00
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Consulting Committee.—Mr. T. G. Weall retired and Mr. J. P. Warren and Mr. Lee Hysan were invited to join the Committee. In accordance with the Articles of Association Messrs. H. P. White, J. P. Warren, Lee Hysan and the Reverend Father H. Souvey retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

We regret to have to record the death of Mr. U. Poi-on who was a member of the Committee for many years.

Auditors.—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Percy Smith, Selk and Fleming. Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Percy Smith, Selk and Fleming are eligible for election.

JAPAN'S ANXIETY.

OSAKA MASS MEETINGS RESOLUTION.

OSAKA, April 23.

Under the auspices of the newspapers and the Federation of Mercantile Guilds, a mass meeting was held in the Public Hall, attended by several thousands, at which a resolution was passed appealing to President Coolidge to veto the Immigration Bill.

The speakers, who mostly were journalists, emphatically argued that such legislation did not represent the real American public opinion. They voiced sincere gratitude for the stand taken by the influential newspapers in America, and appealed to the Americans of justice and fair play in preventing the Bill from becoming law. *Courtesy "Daily Bulletin"*.

TOKYO, April 23.

Japan's stand *vis-à-vis* the American immigration legislation is finding constant expression in a series of meetings; political, commercial, student or labour, at which resolutions are being adopted similar to those passed yesterday and to-day, of which the dominant note is one of intense regret at the threatening injury to the friendly relations of the two countries, and a most earnest appeal for a reconsideration of a measure which is described as unjust and not reflecting the true wishes of the American people.

A meeting of the League of Nations Association was attended by Baron Shibusawa and other well-known people this evening, when there was passed a resolution to appeal its case to the League of Nations Union of Brussels, and non-partisan associations of America, urging the exercise of its influence in preventing the Bill being put into operation.

The resolution declares that the Bill is a direct infringement of the America-Japan Treaty of Commerce and a violation of the fundamental principles of the League of Nations.—*Courtesy "Daily Bulletin"*.

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BRILLIANT SCENES.

LONDON, April 23.

Overcast and chilly weather in nowise dampened the enthusiasm of cosmopolitan crowds, numbering hundreds of thousands, which surged towards Wembley from six o'clock this morning in a continuous series of special trains packed to suffocation. The roads were crowded with omnibuses and motors, whilst innumerable school-boys and school-girls were among the earliest arrivals.

The scenes at the Exhibition defied description. An army of workers, including clerical and managerial staffs, were at their busiest all night long in the final stages of clearing up. Scarlet bands were massed outside the Stadium, and at an earlier hour a huge white-robed choir was already in position facing the Royal scarlet, gold, and purple dais.

At 11.30 a.m. Their Majesties arrived, and were greeted with a tremendous roar of applause, which drowned the fanfare of trumpets. Their Majesties were received on the richly carpeted dais by the Prince of Wales, as President of the Exhibition, who arrived earlier, and was presented with an Address.

The Prince of Wales, asking His Majesty to declare the Exhibition open, referred to it as a picture of our Commonwealth of Nations, and he truly believed it would suggest to the world that the most powerful agency of civilisation had its heart set upon peaceful aims, and the good of mankind.

Expressing gratitude to the organisers and others, including the representatives of the Dominions, India, and the Colonies, the Prince said that their great work had been carried through with splendid loyalty and energy. He concluded by hoping that the result would be to impress vividly upon all peoples of the Empire to work untidily and energetically to develop a glorious heritage for the benefit of the British race; to benefit other races which accepted our guardianship; and to benefit mankind generally.

The Prince of Wales, wearing Naval uniform, had a great ovation from the vast audience, which stood while the bands played the National Anthem.

The dais whereon the Diplomatic Corps, Cabinet Ministers, and High Commissioners were seated, presented a brilliant colourscheme, for officers and soldiers of numerous regiments, including Indian and African, and every conceivable kind of uniform, the whole flanked by flower beds, fronted the greenest of lawns.

His Majesty replied to the Prince in a speech, which was transmitted through gigantic loud-speakers throughout the grounds, and broadcast all over the country. Its conclusion was marked by a renewed outburst of cheering, and waving of hats and handkerchiefs, followed by a salute of twenty-one guns. Simultaneously, three hundred flags, representing all parts of the Empire, were borken out, and fluttered in the breeze.

Their Majesties received a number of engineers and workmen, and the King was presented with a memento in the form of a gold model of the world. The Colonial Secretary's daughter presented the Queen with a bouquet. The band and choirs played and sang British music, and massed bands joined in "Rule Britannia," which the spectators rose, and sang as Their Majesties departed.

The most brilliant and highly enthusiastic period was the appearance of Their Majesties in the arena, with a glittering escort of four State carriages with four horses apiece.

The King wore Naval uniform, and the Queen a fur cloak. Bands crashed out the National Anthem as they alighted, and there was a profound silence when the slight figure of the Prince of Wales rose to the dais. The Prince's words were pronounced in sharp tones, throughout the great arena, and followed by handclapping. Then the King read his reply, every word of which was heard with the greatest clearness. After that, the Bishop of London offered prayer, and then followed a salute of guns.

A pretty incident came at the close of the ceremony when a telegraph messenger ascended to the Royal Dais, with a large letter from the Eastern Telegraph Co., informing the King that his special message "I have this moment opened the British Empire Exhibition," went round the world in 80 seconds. The boy was loudly cheered as he crossed the arena.

King George, in his opening speech, said: "It gives me the greatest pleasure and satisfaction to come here to-day with the Queen, for the purpose of opening the British Empire Exhibition.

Our heartiest congratulations are due to the Board of Management, to the Executive Council, and to all who have worked with and under them, for the marvellous organisation and industry which produced this triumphant result.

I am well aware of the numerous adverse circumstances, including the exceptionally unfavourable weather, which had to be faced. These were successfully overcome by arduous labours, carried out with resolution and good-will. Many, who like the Queen and myself, have seen the work in its earlier stages, can appreciate to the utmost the skill and toll which have translated the magnificent conception into this splendid reality that now stands before us.

I am happy to welcome the representatives, official and unofficial, of my dominions beyond the seas, and to express the pleasure we all feel that they are taking part in to-day's opening ceremony.

You have said that your object has been to produce a picture of our Commonwealth of Nations. No one can doubt that this has been fully attained, for the Exhibition may be said to reveal to us the whole Empire "in little," containing within its 22 acres of ground a vivid model of the architecture, art, and industry of all the races, which come under the British flag. It represents to the world a graphic illustration of that spirit of free and tolerant co-operation which has inspired peoples of different races, creeds, institutions, and ways of thought, to unite in a single Commonwealth, and to contribute their varying national gifts to one great end.

This exhibition will enable us to take stock of the resources—actual and potential—of the Empire as a whole, to consider where these exist, and how they can best be developed, and utilised; to take counsel together how the peoples can co-operate to supply one another's needs, and also to promote national well-being. It stands for co-ordination of our scientific knowledge, and common effort to overcome disease, and to better difficult conditions which still surround life in many parts of the Empire.

Think, for example, of the scientific work accomplished in recent years for the prevention and treatment of tropical diseases. And it is easy to imagine how greatly this Exhibition can contribute towards the progress of our tropical territories, and development of the yet unexplored capacities of the Empire. Our thoughts go back to the Great

EASTERN RAILWAY.

PEKING, April 23.

The French Minister's Note to the Walchiaopu, dated April 16, maintains the attitude put forward in the last French Note regarding the Russo-Asiatic Bank and the Chinese Eastern Railways.

The Note lengthily and academically reviews Dr. Wellington Koo's Note and quotes several points therein, contending that they might be taken in support of the French view.

Reference is made to France not having recognised the Soviet, and it is argued that the agreement with the Soviet regarding the bank and railway should be classed as dealing with a third party, which Dr. Koo's Note stated was not permissible. — *Reuter.*

Exhibition of 1851, associated for all time with memories of Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort, and to the brilliant hopes of the growth of international peace and friendship with which it was inaugurated. Our object here is not quite so ambitious, and for that very reason perhaps more hopeful of attainment.

We believe this Exhibition will bring the people of the Empire to a better knowledge of how to meet their reciprocal wants and aspirations, and that where brotherly feeling and the habit of united action already exist, the growth of inter-imperial trade will make bonds of sympathy yet closer and stronger. Business relations between strangers may or may not lead to friendship; co-operation between brothers for the better development of a family estate can hardly fail to promote family affection.

We hope further that the success of the Exhibition may bring lasting benefits not to the Empire only but to mankind in general. No nation or group of nations can isolate itself from the main stream of modern commerce, and if this exhibition leads to the greater development of the material resources of the Empire and to the expansion of its trade, it will at the same time be raising the economic life of the world from the disorganisation caused by the war. I declare the British Empire Exhibition open and I pray that by the blessing of God it may conduce to the unity and prosperity of all my peoples and to the peace and well being of the world." — *Reuter.*

THAW HELD SANE.

Philadelphia, April 23.—The jury at the enquiry into the mental condition of Harry Thaw, who killed the famous architect Stanford White in New York in 1906, and was subsequently incarcerated in lunatic asylums, declared him sane and competent to handle his large estate.



Harry K. Thaw.

Thaw's mother supported the claim for sanity, but Thaw's former wife Evelyn Nesbit and the Thaw estate contested it. The jury deliberated for seven hours.

The opposition has moved for a new trial. — *Reuter's American Service.*

UPROAR IN COURT.

SHANGHAI, April 23.

Disorderly scenes in the grounds of the British Consulate followed the passing of a sentence of two months' hard labour on the Sikh, Harbak Singh, on a charge of publishing seditious literature. After the verdict, crowd of Sikhs outside the Court, cheering the prisoner, rushed the doors, which the Magistrate ordered to be closed; but the police were overwhelmed by the crowd. A few men were arrested but released again. The Sikhs formed a procession and marched off, chanting Harbak read a long statement, denouncing the British Government in India, alleging that *Reuter's* news from India was fictitious and saying that Indians knew the truth from their own newspapers. He thought his duty was to tell other Europeans and Americans. — *Reuter.*

OUR GIRL GUIDES.

COMPANIES' ANNUAL INSPECTION.

A true indication of the enthusiasm and keenness shown in the girl guides movement was demonstrated yesterday at Government House when Lady Stubbs, the District Commissioner inspected four companies and examined the guides in their trainings. Though the affair was semi-private, there were many friends present. Among the spectators were H.E. the Governor, Major General Sir John Fowler, Sir Claud Severn, Lady Stuart Taylor and Mr. Champkin (Scout Commissioner).

A series of interesting competitions had been arranged for the four companies of guides, the Company scoring the highest number of points holding for one year the new Prince of Wales' banner, which has been presented to the Guides of Hongkong for competition. This banner is similar to the one presented to the Hongkong Boy Scouts a year ago.

The competitions (eight in all) include such interesting contests as knot tying, drill, first aid general knowledge, tracking and so on. The girls were exceptionally keen showing that their training had been beneficial. The competitions were judged by Scout Master White, Miss Patterson (Divisional Captain of the Girl Guides) and Lady Stuart Taylor.

During tea, Sir Claud Severn addressed the gathering. He extended thanks to Lady Stubbs for allowing the gathering to take place in such pleasant surroundings as Government House and for the great interest she continued to take in the movement. As they were all aware, that was the first occasion on which Girl Guides were competing for the Prince of Wales' banner. The banner, with another presented to the Boy Scout for competition, was made from material which formed the screen of the sides of the sedan chair in which His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was carried, on his arrival in the Colony, from the pier to Government House. "I would like to say," Sir Claud added, "that all of you cannot win. Only one company can win it, and I am sure that those companies who are not successful in getting it this year will only strive the harder to win it next year. They will not be downhearted, but will make a special effort to get it next time." (Applause).

The results of the competitions were announced at about 6 p.m., the winning Company being the Central British School. Lady Stubbs, in handing over the banner to Miss Owen Hughes congratulated the members most heartily on their success. Her Ladyship went on to say that the competitions had been keenly contested and hoped those who had not won would work hard during the ensuing year.

The points gained in the competitions were as follows:—

	Murray Troop	Central British School	Wanchai Troop	Diocean Girls' School
Laws and Promises (20).....	14	15	11	14
Union Jack (35).....	20	22	23	21
Knot-tying (35).....	11	21	18	13
Drill (25).....	22	18	10	20
First Aid (25).....	23	22	23	24
Tracking (25).....	22	22	18	21
Inspection (10).....	9	10	9	10
Smartness and Ability (10).....	8	6	4	6
Total.....	129	136	116	129

Evidence was given at the Central Magistracy yesterday in the case in which two Chinese are charged with armed robbery on a junk lying off the China Navigation Co.'s godown, West Point, on the night of April 11 and wounding the master and mistress. The daughters spoke to their clinging tenaciously to the defendants when they attempted to leave the junk and Detective Sub-Inspector Shafarin told the Court how a dagger and revolver (with two rounds discharged) were subsequently discovered. No evidence was offered against the second prisoner and he was discharged.

The following story reproduced from a London paper has, in Shakespearean phrase, "an ancient and a fish-like smell." "Fined a pound," said the magistrate. The Chinese prisoner showed no signs of understanding. "You have to payee a poundee," said the clerk sternly. "Youee have-ee to-ee payee one-ee poundee," added the warder without effect. "Look here," explained the prosecuting counsel, "the magistrate says you've to pay three pounds." "No fear," said the prisoner. "He said one pound."

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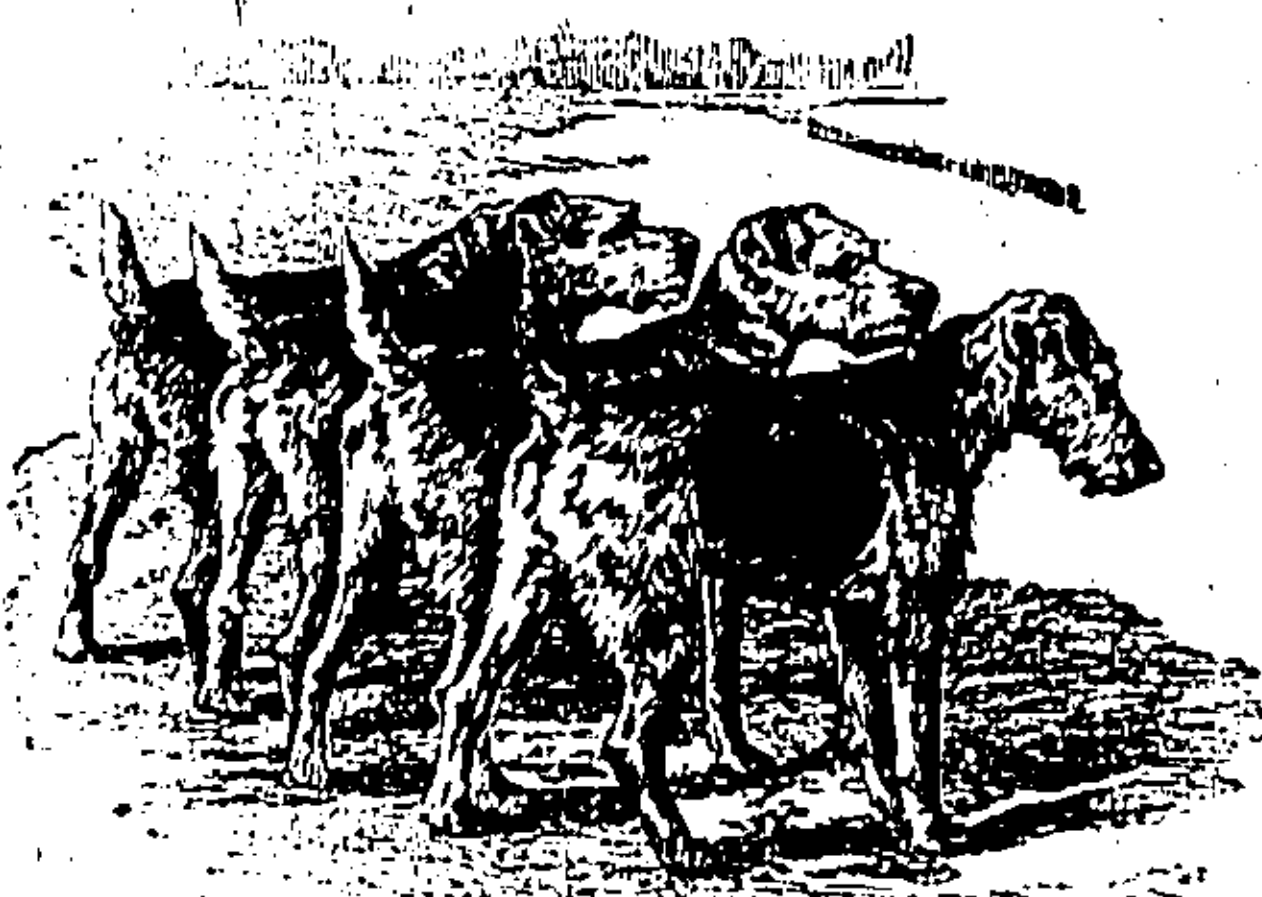
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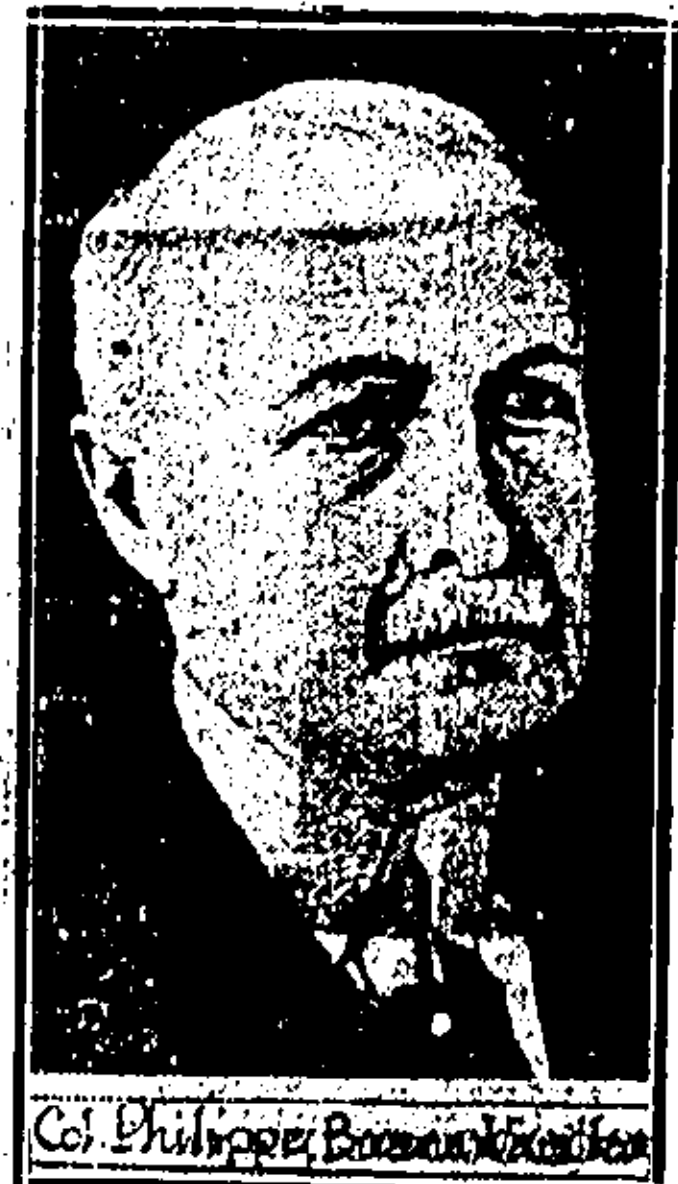
LIEUT. RALPH DAVIDSON
Lieutenant Ralph Davidson, United States Navy, is shown as he sailed from New York to join the Amundsen Polar Expedition. He will pilot the aeroplane with which the explorer hopes to fly over the North Pole next Summer.



Photo by Central News.

The Prince of Wales' recent riding accident. Our photograph shows the Prince taking the fence immediately before he was thrown. His mount cleared the jump, which was the first in the race, but stumbled on landing and fell. In struggling to rise the horse kicked his Royal Highness in the face. It was at first feared that the accident was of a serious character, as the horse appeared to roll on the rider.

Block by Nam Sun.



Colonel Philippe Buanne-Varilla, distinguished French ex-soldier and author, has launched a campaign, "to save the United States spending one billion dollars" to convert the Panama Canal from a lock canal to a sea level ditch.



Miss Anne Nichols, of New York city, who is the proud authoress of "Abie's Irish Rose," one of the most popular and successful of stage plays.



Wolfgang, Prince von Hesse, nephew of the ex-Kaiser of Germany, has gone abroad under the incognito of "Wolfgang Wildhof, Hamburg business man." He served as an officer in the 6th Uhlans during the World War.

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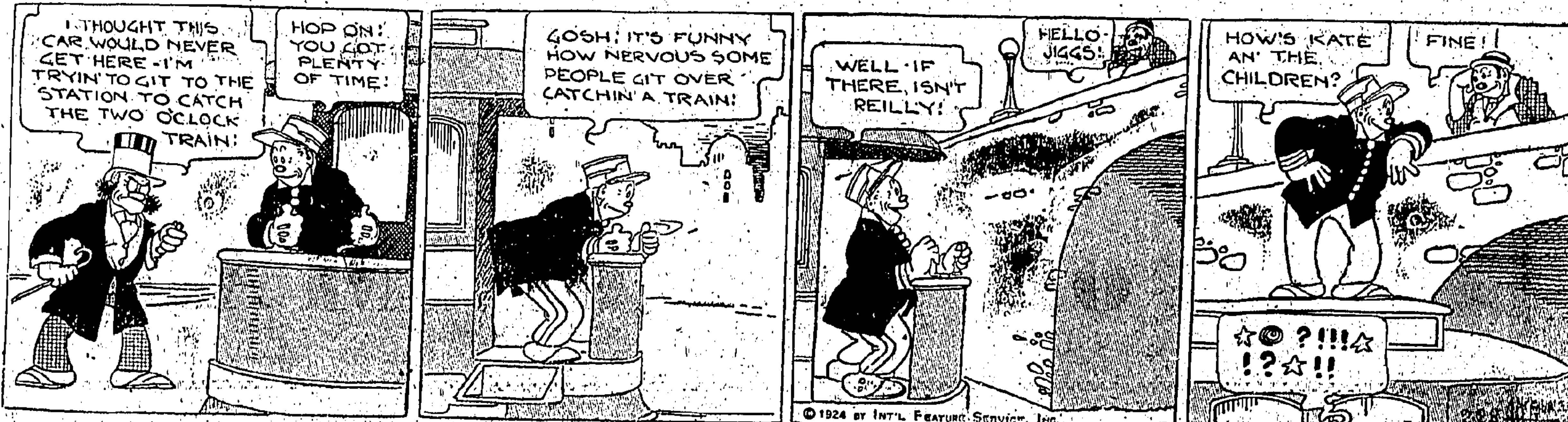
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